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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination upon the merits, kindly amend
as follows:

Delete claim 1, and insert the following claims:

--73. Recombinant microbial cell comprising

i) a first enzyme activity controlling
assimilation of a nitrogen nutrient source,

wherein the first enzyme activity is encoded
by a first nucleic acid operable linked to an
expression signal not natively associated with
the first nucleic acid, and

wherein the expression of the first enzyme
activity is increased as compared to the
expression of the first enzyme activity when